

MINUTES
TENNESSEE COUNCIL OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIFERY
August 31, 2005

The Tennessee Council of Certified Professional Midwifery was held in the Cumberland Room located on the Ground Floor of the Cordell Hull State Office Building on August 31, 2005.

Members in attendance: Pame Moore Morrow, Carol Nelson, CPM, Debi Church, CPM, Carlotta Crawford, CNM, Kim Mosny, CPM, Mary Anne Richardson, CPM and Dr. Rufus Clifford, MD.

Members absent: Dr. Cornelia R Graves, MD

Staff Present: Ms. Sheila Bush, Administrator, Ms. Marsha Arnold, Manager, Robert Kraemer, Advisory Attorney, Rosemarie Otto, Executive Director, Lisa Tittle, Director of Administrative Services, Jerry Kosten, Rules Coordinator

Mary Anne Richardson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:12 am. It was established that a quorum of members was present in order to conduct business.

Minutes

After review of the minutes from the December 17, 2004 Council meeting, Ms. Moore-Morrow made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Report

Ms. Rosemarie Otto, Executive Director of the Medical Board, gave the financial report and explained the items listed on the financial report. Ms. Otto also informed the Committee that the increase in fees would help with the budget. Ms. Title came to the Council meeting to discuss the charges listed under the Office of General Counsel on the financial report from the December 17, 2004 meeting. Ms. Title stated that the charges were correct. She also explained that new expenses will occur due to the upgrade of the RBS system and the relocation of Health Related Boards.

Director/Manager Report

Ms. Marsha Arnold, Unit Manager, informed the Council that as of July 31, 2005, that they have 4 new applications, 6 new licensees and 13 renewals since October 31, 2005.

Investigations Report

Ms. Otto informed the Council that there are four (4) complaints in the Office of Investigations.

Disciplinary Report

Ms. Otto informed the Council that there are no licensees currently being monitored.

Office of General Counsel

Mr. Robert Kraemer, Advisory Attorney, informed the Council that there are no cases pending in the Office of General Counsel. Mr. Kraemer explained to the Council about Public Chapter 113 which releases a medical doctor from any liability when releasing medical records under a subpoena. Public

Chapter 118 concerns medical records accessibility. Public Chapter 208 limits liability for those practicing in a free clinic.

Rulemaking Hearing

Mr. Jerry Kosten, Rules Coordinator, informed the Council about the need for criminal background checks for new applicants, screening panels, the use of titles and advertising and asked the Council to authorize a rulemaking hearing. Ms. Church made a motion to authorize a rulemaking hearing pertaining to criminal background checks, screening panels, the use of titles and advertising. Ms. Mosny seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Kosten also presented the rule for fee increase to be adopted by the board. Ms. Crawford made motion to accept the rule for fee increase. Ms. Church seconded the motion. A roll call vote was needed and the motion passed on the affirmative, with all members present voting yes.

General Discussion

Ms. Otto reviewed to the Council the disciplinary guidelines. She explained it is to be used to help Boards and Committees make determinations of penalties on disciplinary issues. Ms. Church made a motion to adopt the disciplinary guidelines and Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Otto also informed the Council of the audit findings that were conducted by the Department of Health. Ms. Richardson expressed an interest in appearing before the Board of Osteopathic Examinations to discuss legislative changes that would reduce the number of members on the Council and remove the requirement to have an Osteopathic Physician on the Board.

Dr. Scott Matson, D.O. sent in his letter of resignation from the Council received in the administrative office on April 26, 2005. The resignation was effective December 31, 2004. No replacement has been appointed by the Governor.

Newly License

Ms. Nelson made a motion to ratify the new applicants. Ms. Morrow seconded the motion. The motion carried

Ms. Mosny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45a.m. Dr. Clifford seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mary Anne Richardson
Chairperson

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